

Adirondack Medical Home Multipayor Program – Freestanding Clinics

Effective for periods on and after December 1, 2009, the Commissioner of Health is authorized to certify certain clinicians and clinics in the upper northeastern region of New York as health care homes to improve health outcomes and efficiency through patient care continuity and coordination of health services. Certified providers will be eligible for incentive payments for services provided to recipients eligible for Medicaid fee-for-service; enrollees eligible for Medicaid managed care; and enrollees eligible for and enrolled in Family Health Plus organizations pursuant to Title 11-D of Article 28 of the Public Health Law (PHL).

Clinic shall mean a general hospital providing outpatient care or a free-standing diagnostic and treatment center licensed under Article 28 of the Public Health Law that is designated as a Federally Qualified Health Center pursuant to Section 1861(aa) of the Social Security Act.

The Adirondack Medical Home Multipayor Program is a primary care medical home collaborative of health care service providers including hospitals, diagnostic and treatment centers and private practices serving residents and eligible recipients in the counties of Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, Saratoga and Warren. Incentive payments to clinics that meet "medical home" standards will be established jointly by the State Department of Health, participating health care service providers and payors. Medical home certification includes, but is not limited to, existing standards developed by national accrediting and professional organizations, including the National Committee for Quality Assurance's (NCQA) Physician Practice Connections® - Patient Centered Medical Home™ (PPC®-PCMH™) Recognition Program.

Under this program, incentive payments will be made for one year to participating providers to support conversion of these clinic practices to certified medical homes. Within one year, providers in the Multipayor Program, must achieve either Level 2 or Level 3 including additional criteria (referred to as Level 2 Plus and Level 3 Plus) as determined by the program participants. Eligible providers will receive the same incentive payment commensurate with the following levels of "medical home" designation: conversion support; Level 2 Plus; or Level 3 Plus. There will be no incentive payment for Level 1 designation. Incentive payments will be added to claims from program clinics for visits with Evaluation and Management codes identified by the Department of Health as "primary care."

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The incentive amount was determined by the Department of Health and participating payors based on a market analysis of the cost to support the conversion of a practice to provide "medical home" patient care and management information systems related to meeting the objectives of this initiative. The participating payors agreed to a per member per month (PMPM) incentive payment of \$7. To calculate the per-visit incentive payment amount, the PMPM was multiplied by twelve (12) to calculate an annual per member payment (\$84) and then this annual amount was divided by the average number of annual primary care visits to clinics and practitioners' offices to arrive at a per visit incentive payment. The average annual visit rate, based on two years of claims data (January 1, 2007 – December 31, 2008) for a specific list of providers who agreed to participate in the Multipayor Program, was 3 visits per year. Therefore, the per visit incentive payment is \$28. The incentive amount will be approved by the Division of the Budget.

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of primary care "medical home" services in the Multipayor Program. The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of December 1, 2009 and is effective for services on or after that date. All Medicaid rates are published on the Department of Health's public website.

Patient and health care services participation in the Adirondack Medical Home Multipayor Program is on a voluntary basis. While clinics and clinicians are participating in the Multipayor Program, they are precluded from receiving incentive payments under the statewide patient centered medical home program established pursuant to section 364-m of the Social Services Law.

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